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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-23.

Please add new claims 24-45 as follows:

24. (New) A waste and recyclable materials compaction and handling apparatus including:
- a storage container for said materials;
 - an elongated charging hopper defined adjacent to and alongside said storage container for receiving the materials, said charging hopper having open end portions defining pathways leading into the interior of said storage container;
 - a packing head mounted for travel within and along said charging hopper between said open end portions;
 - at least one driver connected to said packing head to effect the travel thereof along said charging hopper between positions adjacent said open end portions; and
 - said packing head having opposed packing faces adapted to engage the materials placed